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# Neighborhood *Link*

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## S.S. Buckroe Timeline

### MARCH

**15** 10 a.m. — Official  
Groundbreaking &  
Beginning of fence construction

**17** Contractors to begin  
installation of playground

**22-23** Volunteers  
begin working  
at the site

**24** Volunteers needed for  
shifts during evening  
hours for mulching

**29** Finishing touches

### APRIL

**5** Dedication and  
Ribbon Cutting

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## Buckroe Beach Neighborhood Park

THE MAKING OF THE S S BUCKROE

By Amy Hobbs, Buckroe Resident

**W**hen my son was little, we drove to Ft. Fun in Newport News on a regular basis, several times a month at least. On the way there, we would pick up lunch, maybe stop at the grocery store, get gas if we needed it, and be on our way. Well, who wants cold chicken nuggets? So we would stop as close to the park as possible to grab lunch, usually on Warwick. And that gallon of milk and tank of gas are just as easy to get at the convenience store next to the fast food joint, especially with a very tired 3 year old who would be asleep if we waited until the return trip. And what a drive! Twenty minutes on a good day from our house in Buckroe to the playground.

So of course we started thinking, why not Hampton? With all the wonderful assets we have here in Hampton, why don't we have a community-sized playground? And like most young families, we hoped and wished, but didn't really know, what we could possibly do to obtain such a fantastic and wonderful place as Ft. Fun. So we resigned ourselves to the drive to Newport News as well as spending our tax dollars there.

Then in 1999 I joined the Buckroe Civic Association. I volunteered for a committee that was formed to address the commitments that were made in the Buckroe Neighborhood Plan several years before, and there I found it! On the list of issues mentioned— recreational facilities! It was in our plan, we could get a playground. And why not a playground like Ft. Fun? Hampton is home to some of the most generous and hardworking people I had ever met and I knew we could get the people and

the energy together to build ourselves a spectacular playground. And not just any playground, but what if it was built by the citizens of Hampton? What if the children in Hampton were able to choose the equipment and the name? What if the city would give us land to build on AT the beach? What an incredible thing we could accomplish!



The committee brought the playground idea before City Council and Hampton Parks and Recreation in the spring of 2001. After a few bumps along the way, we received their approval and along with it, we found Jim Wilson, Superintendent for Parks and Recreation. Without the expertise, imagination and persistence of Jim Wilson, this project would not be what it is today. The partnerships this civic based organization has formed with the city departments of Hampton is what building strong neighborhoods is all about.

After getting the approval of Parks and Recreation and agreeing on a piece of land suitable to everyone, we needed to figure out

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE



District 6, our featured district this issue, is most readily associated with the name Buckroe and, to most of us, Buckroe means the beach. The Buckroe beachfront and the areas that surround it have been the topic of many planning efforts going back as far as redevelopment planning in the 1960's. This is hardly surprising considering the potential the area presents as a neighborhood, a city and a regional asset.

Most recently the focus has been on the East Pembroke Avenue Corridor Plan. In a series of meetings held in the Buckroe Fire Station truck bays, neighbors viewed plans and maps hanging next to huge fire hoses. Discussion

occasionally paused to accommodate the blast of fire alarms. The ambiance was all American and the creative juices were flowing. Those attending had little trouble imagining a new

vision for East Pembroke Avenue as a beautiful "gateway" to Buckroe Beach.

A piece of that vision will be under construction later this year as the first phase of the actual street improvements begin between First Street and Mallory Street. The neighborhood's priority is to start improvements at the beachfront, their biggest asset. The purpose of the street improvements goes beyond functional improvements (like drainage and sidewalks) to include "image" improvements (like trees) so that neighbors and visitors in Buckroe will

sense their arrival in a special beachfront area as they drive along East Pembroke Avenue.

The street improvements are only part of what the plan proposes to improve the East Pembroke Avenue corridor. Another key recommendation is to revitalize the neighborhood commercial area along Old Buckroe Avenue as an attractive shopping district for residents and beachgoers. This will require improvements to parking, sidewalks, lighting, signage and building facades.

The plan also recommends the acquisition of key parcels (undeveloped sites and uses that detract from neighborhood quality) to assemble a site of size and value that could attract new high quality residential and commercial development to the beachfront.

And finally, the plan recommends making Buckroe Beach a desirable destination that attracts visitors that may eventually become residents in District 6. The playground article by Amy Hobbs tells more about one important way that the neighborhood is making the beachfront a destination.

If you haven't been to Buckroe Beach in a while, go visit when the weather warms up and see all the improvements. Or better yet, be part of the playground project or the other efforts featured in this issue that make District 6 another place that we proudly call home.

Joan Kennedy  
Director



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## Registered Neighborhood Organizations

- Aberdeen Gardens Historic & Civic Association
- Buckroe Civic Association
- Elizabeth Lake Estates Civic Association
- Farmington Civic Association
- Fox Hill Athletic Association
- Fox Hill Historical Society
- Grandview Island Improvement League
- Newtown Improvement & Civic Club
- Northampton Civic League
- Olde Hampton Community Association
- Olde Wythe Neighborhood Association
- Old North Hampton Community Organization
- Powhatan Park Neighborhood Watch
- Phoebus Civic Association
- Rosalee Gardens Neighborhood Association
- Sussex at Hampton Neighborhood Association
- Tyler/Seldendale Community Improvement Task Force
- Wythe-Phenix Improvement Association
- Wythe Coalition

## NEIGHBORHOODS ON THE MOVE: Buckroe Civic Association

By: Kay Alligood, Herman Montgomery, Merle Ott and Amy Hobbs

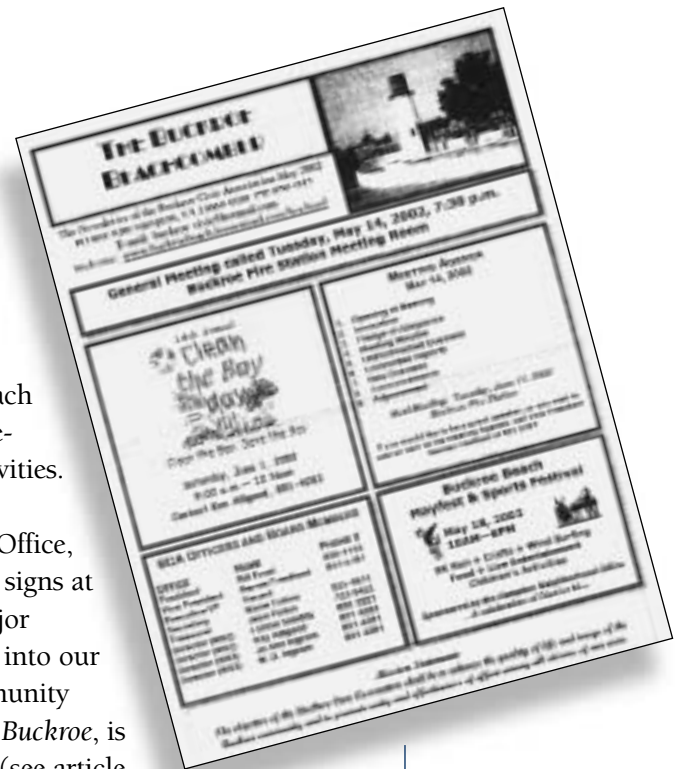
The Buckroe area gets its name from the French settlers who came to the area to grow mulberry bushes. All of the homes in Buckroe were built between 1920 and 1990. In the 1990s, it was developed as a summer family resort. Buckroe enjoys the largest beach-front area on the Peninsula. The Buckroe Civic Association was created in 1937 to improve the life of the citizens of Buckroe. Then as now, we wanted curbs and gutters, a properly maintained and guarded beach and safe neighborhoods. The reinstatement of the BCA in the 80's was to accomplish the above but also to keep intact the current zoning on Mallory and Seaboard and to preserve a family and regional type beach experience. To protect our natural resource and enriching environment has always been strong on the minds of the neighborhoods in Buckroe.

The purpose of the Buckroe Civic Association can be summed by their mission statement – *to enhance the quality of life and image of the Buckroe community and to promote unity and effectiveness of effort among all citizens of the area.* The BCA at present has 130 members which consist of homeowners, renters, and businesses. By including all the members of our community and continually trying to better our neighborhoods and beach, we further our mission statement. By supporting our mission statement, we support our purpose.

The BCA meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Buckroe Fire house on Pembroke Avenue. The boundaries of BCA are the same as the Buckroe Fire Station's, and include but are not limited to the areas of Salt Pond, Colonial Acres, most of Mallory Street, Benthall Road and the Beach proper.

The BCA has been instrumental in bringing about many positive changes to our area. We have worked with Codes and Compliance to recognize and report violations and demolition dilapidated buildings that are beyond repair. We have implemented a Crime Watch program in the last year which has become very active.

The BCA has worked with Parks and Recreation to clean up, renovate and beautify the beach as well as implement more activities. Through the Neighborhood Office, we have placed signs at three of the major arteries leading into our area. The community playground, SS Buckroe, is well underway (see article on page 1) and we are a part of the Adopt – A-Stream Program. For several years we have worked with Social Services to send food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas to a needy family in our area.



Check out our website at  
[www.buckroebeach.homestead.com/bca.html](http://www.buckroebeach.homestead.com/bca.html)  
 to see what else we are up to  
 and how you could become a member  
 of the Buckroe Civic Association.





## SS Buckroe *(continued from front page)*



just how to go about this. With a committee of just 3 or 4 of us, we started The Friends Of Buckroe Beach Park, a subcommittee of the Buckroe Civic Association. We weren't too sure where to start, but we felt we needed to know who would be the best bet for materials and design. Once we had a company and a design, we could work on the little things, such as money, later. We knew we wanted as much community involvement as possible in every step—we wanted the people of Hampton to know that this was their park.

We started out local and then looked online, asked around, talked to other community build committees, until we had a pretty good list. We interviewed at least 5 companies and received information from several more, and then we were able to narrow them down by what we wanted.

We originally were

shooting for the same company that built Ft. Fun. They specialized in community builds, they did great work and they would provide all the expertise we needed. But they used wood. The elements at the beach, especially so close, would just not permit a wood structure. So then we thought about using a recycled wood and plastic polymer that looks like wood but was much more durable. Still not quite good enough, plus it was expensive. Our criteria for choosing a company were-

- Community build friendly
- Durability to withstand the elements at the beachfront

- Environmentally friendly materials – as much post consumer product as possible

- Cost

- A Virginia company, keep it local!

After the interviews, the phone calls and the huge stacks of literature filling every empty flat space in my home, we decided on Landscape Structures, Inc. and found John and Wes Keating out of Richmond. Not only is the equipment from LSI beautiful and unique for our area, they use post consumer product, have varying degrees of community involvement and their price is comparable to all the other companies. We visited a few of their playgrounds and were very impressed with what we saw. Celia Friedland and I even tried out several pieces; just to be sure they were as fun as they looked. We also took a look at the other manufacturers playgrounds, but were still the most impressed with LSI and the Keatings.

After receiving our 501(c)3 designation from the IRS in the spring of 2002, we began holding fundraisers, selling personalized fence pickets and brick pavers, and soliciting businesses for donations. We also applied for and received a \$100,000 Neighborhood Improvement Grant. These are just the types of projects the Neighborhood Commission looks for.

This February, the project took another exciting turn. Through a program being initiated by Alternatives Inc. to bring communities and youth together, we formed a partnership with Jones Magnet Middle School. The school staff, PTA, kids and parents have agreed to not only help build the fence and shovel mulch, they have also committed to help keep the playground clean. What a fantastic example of a community coming together on so many levels! So if you're at the SS Buckroe, and see any kids cleaning up, be sure to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Now we're on our way. We've raised over \$170,000 in the past year. The equipment has been ordered and we're organizing the build. This has been a true community effort, with neighborhoods, city departments, schools,

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## NEIGHBORHOODS IN ACTION

# KKAD25 Comes to One Hampton Neighborhood.

By Amy Hobbs, District 6 Commissioner

**W**hile attending the National Neighborhood USA (NUSA) conference this past spring, in Houston, Texas, I had the opportunity to attend a session titled “Keep Kids Alive Drive 25™” (KKAD25). Because one family was worried about the amount of speeding in their neighborhood in Omaha, Nebraska, a nationwide movement was born. I was speechless!

## What is Keep Kids Alive Drive 25™?

Keep Kids Alive Drive 25™ is a safety campaign designed to encourage motorists to observe the residential speed limit. In most towns and cities across the U.S., the residential limit is 25 mph. Thus the slogan, *Keep Kids Alive Drive 25™* the campaign can be expanded to all speed zones through the No Need to Speed™ initiative.

A Keep Kids Alive Drive 25™ community-wide campaign provides a multitude of benefits:

- Mobilizing residents to proactively take responsibility for their driving behavior at a grassroots level. Ultimately changing driving behavior must target drivers in their own neighborhood. *Keep Kids Alive Drive 25™* invites neighbors to talk with and get to know each other in committing to look out for and care for all neighborhood children. No Need to Speed™ extends this care and concern throughout the whole community.
- Actual reduction of speed. The first completed pre/post speed study of the effectiveness of *Keep Kids Alive Drive 25™* yard signs in Oceanside, CA showed a 16% decrease in average speed of vehicles traveling in the first of the neighborhoods targeted for implementation of the campaign.
- Residents see more brake lights as drivers take the *Keep Kids Alive Drive 25™/No Need to Speed™* message to heart. An initial study conducted over a 20-month period indicated that over 75% of drivers braked when passing a *Keep Kids Alive Drive 25™* yard sign.

- City officials, particularly law enforcement and traffic engineering personnel, working alongside residents and local businesses to address traffic safety in neighborhoods and all roadways work to develop a true partnership with all concerned citizens and civic leaders. Community relations are improved when leaders work together to develop and take ownership in growing local initiatives.



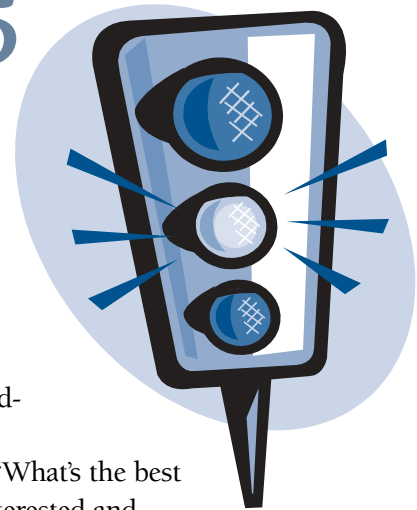
## Keep Kids Alive — Drive 25

The basic ways of implementing KKAD25 in neighborhoods is through yard signs, bumper stickers and trash can decals. The merchandise is inexpensive and easy to purchase (visit [www.keepkid-salive.com](http://www.keepkid-salive.com)).

You may be wondering, “What’s the best way to get my neighbors interested and involved?” Talk to your neighbors, civic leaders and city officials. By talking about this simple and easy way to help our neighborhoods, we become better neighbors. By becoming better neighbors, we make Hampton a better place to live and a place we proudly call home.

This grassroots effort is a wonderful way to help reduce speeding, show your concern for the children in your neighborhood and become a part of a community grassroots effort that

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# Inside District 6

## REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOODS:

Buckroe Civic Association

## NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDED PROJECTS

### Matching Grants

5 for a total of \$15,532

### Neighborhood Month Grants

13 for a total of \$8,560

### Neighborhood Improvement Fund Grants

1 for a total of \$100,000

**D**istrict 6 is unique to the City of Hampton and the Peninsula because of the eight acres of beachfront property on the eastern border of its boundaries. The district is bounded by Fox Hill Road to the North, Old Buckroe Road to the South,

Chesapeake Bay and Shelton Road to the East, and Woodland Road

to the West. It is home to Buckroe Civic Association, Colonial Acres Homeowners Association and Fox Hill Mutual Homes.

Residential development in District 6 is on small lots which reflect the higher than average population density. Single-family residential remain the predominant housing pattern, but the area has high rental rates when compared with other single-family areas.

Good things are happening in the district, many of which are the result of partnerships between civic organizations, area schools, the fire department, and the faith community. Two of these partnerships have resulted in a



playground project at the beach due to be completed by mid-March and infrastructure improvements and beautification along the Pembroke Avenue Corridor.

## ▼ ASSETS:

- Alpha Phi Alpha DBL
- Army & Navy Lodge No. 306 AF & AM
- Buckroe Beach
- Buckroe Fire Station 4
- Buckroe Skills Center
- Carybrook Police Field Office
- Cary Elementary School
- Jones Middle School
- Kecoughtan High School
- Knights of Columbus Council 511
- Merrimack Elementary School



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GOAL AS COMMISSIONER: "To unify District Six as a community. To make other Hampton neighborhoods aware of the wonderful assets that are in District Six."

**FACILITATOR:** Tammy Waldroup

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district 6



**E**very weekday morning at 7:15 a.m. a special van begins its journey through the streets of Hampton...

The van makes the trip in reverse in the afternoon collecting children from their schools all over the city delivering them to "Inspiring Minds" a non-profit organization for youth development. "Inspiring Minds", was the brain-child of Michelle Simpson, a stay-at-home mother of three who was wanting to do right by her family and community.

This Neighborhood Star's story unfolded as Michelle left her high-level management job with Federal Express to be at home with her young children. She grew weary of the long work days and business trips that were taking away from her precious family time. When she wasn't working late or away on business, a typical day went something like this; arrived home usually after 6 p.m., immediately fixed dinner and ate with her family, helped with homework and put the children to bed. This scenario is played out by millions of working mothers but Michelle knew this was not working for her or her family.

For her, the choice was easy. She left her lucrative and

challenging career behind and never looked back. Instead she took her management experience and elementary education background and focused those skills first on her children, then the neighborhood children and eventually children all over the city. Michelle was at home every day to greet her children after school and help them with homework before dinner, among other things. Because Michelle had first-hand knowledge of struggles working moms were facing in her neighborhood, she decided to invest in their children as she was her own. As word got out, the after-school group grew. She began to structure the time with more programming. Included with the homework were topical discussions, cultural field trips, and etiquette classes.

Michelle was soon removing her living room furniture and replacing it with school desks and chalk boards she got from a School Board auction.

It wasn't long before Michelle outgrew her living room but couldn't afford to

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**Michelle Simpson**

by Tammy Flynn

**Neighborhood STAR**



## LEADERSHIP CORNER: Thinking INSIDE the Box

By Graham Currin

**T**ell someone to “think outside the box” these days and you will probably find yourself friendless and alone. This burned out catch phrase is now the conversational equivalent of nails screeching on a chalkboard, but it still holds some truth. However these are only half truths and I’ll show you why.

At its heart, the idea of thinking about new problem-solving strategies instead of rehashing old solutions is great. Many leaders are committed to this process including former college president Steven Sample who calls it the process of “thinking free.”

“The key to successful invention often lies in getting one’s brain to imagine new combinations of existing elements that solve a problem in a way no one has ever thought of before...to force [oneself] to contemplate absolutely outrageous and impossible

ways to address a particular problem,” says leadership scholar Steve Sample.

Sample goes on to give an example of a time he had to engineer a new dishwasher and so he thought of everything from elephants to water dams as possible sources of power.

However, most of us don’t live with Fred Flintstone so elephants on treadmills alone isn’t going to cut it. After we get our group thinking about new solutions we have to guide these ideas back into reality. In a sense, after you get “out of the box” and come up with some new ideas you have to work to fit them back into the box so you can have a workable plan.

After using a brainstorming exercise like the one mentioned earlier, ask your group which of

the ideas has the most potential of working. Get them to think about what resources are available along with other constraints like time and

number of people who can commit to your task.

One time I was charged with facilitating a group of seven students who were charged

with planning and executing a service project for the Virginia Tech community.

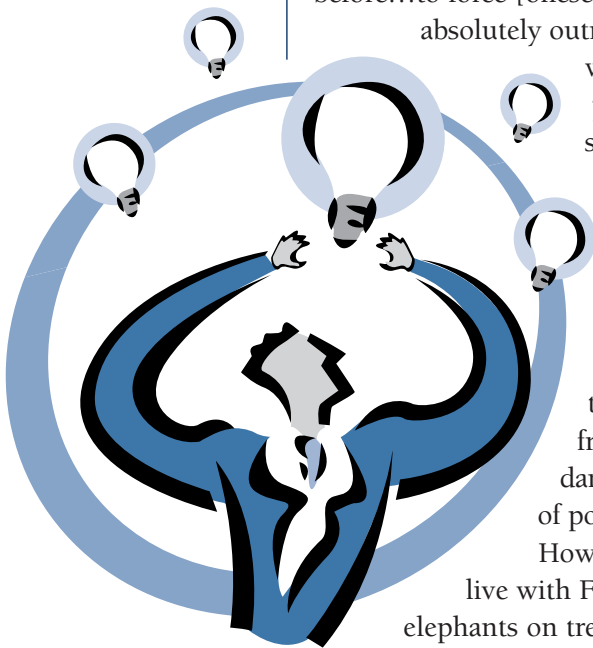
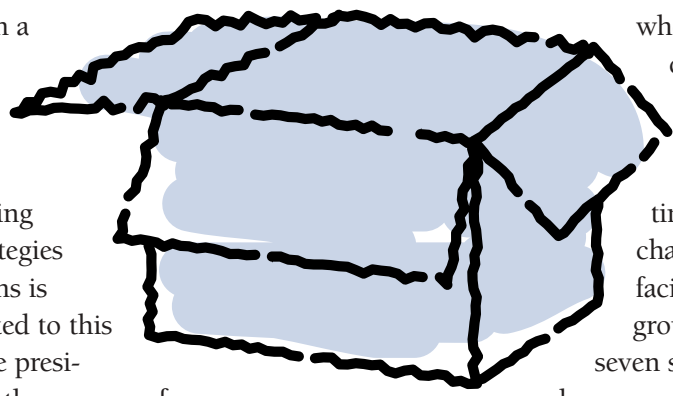
At first they brainstormed big plans including everything from talent shows to renting out ballrooms to throw fundraiser parties. After they got on a roll I asked them to consider things like the classes they had to attend, assignments they would have for other classes, and the amount of work that it would entail in getting some of those goals done.

By letting a group brainstorm on a grand scale you can come up with fantastic new solutions which will stimulate the group. Then you can apply pieces of those ideas in real settings and come away with a successful endeavor.

In my group’s case, after they diverged in their brainstorming I guided them back, or helped them, in their thinking process. Ultimately they adapted pieces of their ideas and had a cookout fundraiser that was successful, but not overwhelming.

In any good group dynamic there will be a time for creative brainstorming and then a time for coming back together, finding a practical solution, and then moving towards action. The trick is finding a good facilitator in the group who knows how to allow time for creativity as well as mold those ideas into feasible outcomes.

“Thinking outside the box” or whatever else you like calling it is indeed a helpful process. Just make sure all of your ideas can fit back in there at the end and you will be just fine.





## Neighborhood Star Michelle Simpson *(continued from page 7)*

purchase or lease an alternative space. One afternoon as she passed the Alpha House on Pembroke Avenue, something told her to go inside. She learned from the fraternity brothers that the building was only used at night and on weekends. She told them about her program and explained that she needed daytime space. Everyone agreed that she should make a proposal at the fraternity's next Board meeting. The fraternity unanimously approved her proposal, Social Services inspected and approved the building for her program and City Council approved the building for educational use.

After establishing new meeting space, she quickly enlisted Christopher Newport students to write her business plan, enrolled in classes sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and started looking for people who had the expertise to help her expand the programming. On June 18, 1997, "Inspiring Minds" was opened and has had a waiting list ever since.

"Inspiring Minds" is designed to reinforce and compliment the skills students learn at school, and fill in the gaps missed in larger classroom settings. She expands their horizons through academic enrichment, social development and life skills. Michelle says she likes to create a dream world for her students and instill in each child confidence of their own abilities. She tells them, "the sky is the limit, there is nothing you can't do." They visit museums, parks, go to plays and attend other cultural events. They take field trips to places like the Hampton City Courthouse where they are guided on a personal tour by Commonwealth Attorney, Linda Curtis. They sit in on actual cases and learn how the court system works. They visit the jail and talk to the prisoners who explain how not to end up in their position. At the end of each year there is an awards banquet and an overnight trip to places like Atlanta, Georgia. Their year-end trip in 2004 will be a cruise. All of their field trips and overnight trips are paid for with money they raise themselves throughout the year. Michelle always dreams big and one of them is to, one day, have her students tell their stories on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

Michelle is not only concerned with the students' academics but also who they are as people so they all succeed. Shari Hugger, who has two children in the "Inspiring Minds" program, has seen tremendous growth in both her children, "the program has given them a stirring for excellence and a desire to be better people." Shari adds "I leave my kids in good hands and they love going there. It's like their second home." Paula Johnson has a grandson enrolled in the program and refers to Michelle Simpson as, "a God-send who has done wonders". Paula says her grandson has improved in every way, mentally, physically and culturally and is a great student who now excels.

Clarissa Gaither, a working mom, says when speaking of Michelle, "she is a blessing to my life and has given us more family time." When my husband and I get home from work all the homework is done so we just get to enjoy being with our son." Clarissa likes the structure of the program which has completely changed her son who is now an honor student and very confident. Another parent adds, "she sees the goodness, she looks for their best, captures their strengths and brings out the best in her students."

Michelle says she feels like a grandma already and gets so much reward from watching her students bloom. When asked if she misses her career Michelle responds, "I don't have as much money but I am wealthier. I am not stressed, I get to participate fully in my kids lives so how could I ever regret it, you can't ever get the time back. This program is my heart, my life and I enjoy it."

The "Inspiring Minds" program continues to grow reaching more children every year. In fact, they recently outgrew the Alpha House and moved to a larger space at Y.H. Thomas Community Center. So, Michelle Simpson, we salute you and your passion for our youth and pronounce you a "Neighborhood Star" for you embody all of what makes Hampton an All-America City. Thank you for your vision and for all your efforts in helping our youth and their families to be the best they can be.



**The Hampton Neighborhood Commission** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center. 6 p.m.



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## Keep Kids Alive — Drive 25 *(continued from page 5)*

can make a difference in our city. Read more about a test-run that will take place in Hampton below. While the testing is underway, help keep Hampton safe, and slow down!

A trial speed-reducing measure has been conducted on Colonial Acres Dr., and proved the signs lowered the speed there by 5 mph. The initiative involved placing signs that read "Keep Kids Alive Drive 25" in 4 to 6 front

yards to help slow traffic in the Colonial Acres neighborhood. The initiative will be brought before City Council in February. The signs are covered under Codes section 18.1-6, Special Situations, # 3.

The Colonial Acres Homeowners Association Board, the Hampton Neighborhood Commission, Public Works and Codes Compliance are supporting this initiative.

## Buckroe Beach Park *(continued from page 4)*

churches, and civic groups (the list goes on and on) involved in every step of the project. This project would not have been possible without the input of all of these people. This is possible in any neighborhood, anywhere. With the help of your community, by utilizing the Neighborhood Initiative, and just getting up and doing, anyone can make a difference in their neighborhood. We all

have the responsibility to make where we live a place we can proudly call home. Thank you to all the Neighborhood office staff, especially Tammy Waldroup and Joan Kennedy, and the Neighborhood Commission for all your support the last few years. Thank you Hampton for helping us build the SS *Buckroe*. *See you at the Beach!*

[buckroeplayground.com](http://buckroeplayground.com)

### **DAILY PRESS**

## Citizen of the Year



Congratulations to **HARRIET STORM** for her selection as the Daily Press "2002 Citizen of the Year" Award. Those of us who know Harriet and have worked with her realize that this honor is long overdue and well deserved. Harriet serves on The Hampton/Newport News Community Services Board, Citizens' Unity Commission, the Ad Hoc Leadership Group and the Hampton Clean City Commission.


# March & April 2003



**2003 Hampton Housing Conference**  
Saturday, March 15th  
8am-12pm ■ Hampton High School  
FREE ■ 723-6630



**Buckroe Beach Park Groundbreaking**  
March 15th ■ 10am



**High School Seniors of Hampton ART SHOW**  
Thru March 28th ■ Charles H. Taylor Arts Center  
727-1490

**Aberdeen Gardens Historic & Civic Association**  
**THIRD SATURDAY** of every month,  
10 a.m.

Aberdeen Elementary School  
Roosevelt Wilson, 826-9174

**Buckroe Civic Association**  
**SECOND TUESDAY** of every month,  
7:30 p.m.

Buckroe Fire Station  
Bill Ernst, 850-1145

**Downtown Hampton Development Partnership (DHDP)**  
**FOURTH THURSDAY** of every month,  
8:30 a.m.

DHDP Board Room, 756 Settlers Landing Rd.  
Steve Hussell, 722-1271

**Easthampton Neighborhood Association**  
**SECOND TUESDAY** of every month, 7 p.m.  
Easthampton United Methodist Church  
Charlie Fullman, 722-0837

**Elizabeth Lake Estates Civic Association**  
**THIRD TUESDAY** of every month, 7 p.m.  
Members Homes  
Al Morison, 851-6390/  
Mike Avery 850-2149

**Farmington Civic Association**  
**FOURTH MONDAY** in February, April, June,  
August, October & December, 7:30 p.m.  
Northampton Community Center  
Oreta Watkins, 826-6166

**Fox Hill Mutual Homes**  
**THIRD WEDNESDAY** of every month, 6 p.m.  
200 Ranalet Drive  
Billy Moore, 722-6417

**Greater Wythe Area Planning Team**  
**FIRST TUESDAY** of every month, 7-9 p.m.  
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood  
Resource Center  
727-6460

**Howe Farms Homeowners Association**  
**SECOND SUNDAY** of every month, 7 p.m.  
Meets at rotating homes  
P.G. Minetti, 850-3634

**Newtown Improvement & Civic Club**  
**LAST MONDAY** of every month, 7 p.m.  
Little England Chapel  
Glen Hughes, 722-9396

**Olde Hampton Community Association**  
**SECOND TUESDAY** of every month, 7 p.m.  
Olde Hampton Community Center  
Sadie Brown, 722-2447

**Old Northampton Community Association**  
**SECOND SATURDAY** of every month, 10 a.m.  
Y.H. Thomas Community Center  
Albert Simpson, 723-4986

**Olde Wythe Neighborhood Association**  
**LAST TUESDAY** of every month, 7 p.m.  
Wythe Elementary School  
Neil Chetney, 380-6721

**Park Place Community Awareness Association**  
**THIRD SATURDAY** in March, June,  
September, & December, 3 p.m.  
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood  
Resource Center  
Deanna Sheppard, 827-9204

**Phoebus Civic Association**  
**THIRD MONDAY** of every month, 6:30 p.m.  
Keith's Dockside Restaurant  
Ronnie Staton, 851-8186

**Pine Cone Harbor Condo Association**  
**SECOND MONDAY** of every month,  
6:30 p.m.  
206 Dockside Drive  
Jackie Holman, 722-9994

**Rosalee Gardens**  
**SECOND TUESDAY** of February, April, June,  
August, October & December, 7 p.m.  
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood  
Resource Center  
Willie Press, 723-7604

**Powhatan Park Neighborhood Watch**  
**THIRD TUESDAY** of January, March, July,  
August & September, 7 pm.  
Hampton High School Cafeteria  
Bud Hehle, 838-5584

**Sussex at Hampton**  
**THIRD THURSDAY** in August, October,  
December, February, April & June,  
6:30 p.m.  
3829 Roadview Avenue  
Becky Harris, 726-2185

**Tidemill/Machen Civic Association**  
**THIRD MONDAY** of the month (January  
is fourth Monday), 6:30 p.m.  
No meetings June-August  
Machen Elementary School  
Joanne Nisley, 766-0037

**Wythe Coalition**  
**FOURTH TUESDAY** in September,  
November, February, & April, 7 p.m.  
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood  
Resource Center  
Hazel Nazareth, 723-7893

**Wythe Empowering Minds**  
**EVERY MONDAY** of the month, 5-6 p.m.  
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood  
Resource Center  
Shawn O'Keefe, 838-2330

**Wythe Phenix Improvement Association**  
**SECOND TUESDAY** of January, March,  
May, July, September & November  
Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood  
Resource Center  
Andre' McCloud, 247-6758





## St. Patrick's Day Downtown

**MARCH 15TH**

QUEENS STREET

Irish Children's Festival 11-4

- Irish food
- entertainment
- free games

Irish Block Party 6 p.m.

- Irish Folk Band Coyote Run
- Irish Food
- Yorktown Fife & Drum

727-1271

## Time to plan for Neighborhood Month!

**NEIGHBORHOOD MONTH** is a month long celebration of Hampton's neighborhoods sponsored by the Hampton Neighborhood Commission. It is a time of year when thousands of citizens work in concert to showcase their neighborhoods and get together with their neighbors. For ideas on how your neighborhood can celebrate and for available funding contact your Neighborhood District Commissioner or call 727-6460 or visit our website at [hampton.gov/neighborhoods](http://hampton.gov/neighborhoods)



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“At first people refuse  
to believe that a strange  
new thing can be done,  
then they see it can be done —  
then it is done and  
all the world wonders  
why it was not done  
centuries ago.”



Frances Hodgson Burnett,  
*The Secret Garden*